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Organization of work of the Second Committee

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Second Committee will be listed in the letter from the President of the Assembly to the Chairman of the Second Committee (A/C.2/58/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/58/100).

Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the organizational arrangements agreed upon by the Assembly at the outset of its current session (A/58/250) and the availability of documentation. The number of meetings suggested for the general discussion of the agenda items allocated to the Second Committee is based on past experience.

List of documents

3. Attention is drawn to the documents submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Second Committee contained in the draft programme of work, which provides a full picture of the scope of the Committee's work programme.

Length of statements

4. The Second Committee, in the past, decided to limit statements on all agenda items, with the exception of the general debate, to 7 minutes and to limit statements during the general debate to 15 minutes.

Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

5. Taking into account the availability of conference services for the Main Committees of the General Assembly, an average of eight formal meetings a week have been scheduled for the Second Committee. Unless otherwise specified, meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. In this connection, the Assembly

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decided to remind delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. As decided by the Assembly, the requirement of the presence of at least one quarter of the members of the Committee to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

Informal consultations

6. In view of the financial measures affecting conference services, and as indicated in the programme of work, some of the formal meetings allocated to the Second Committee will be utilized for informal consultations under the chairmanship of the Vice-Chairmen of the Committee so as to ensure full servicing of those consultations. In accordance with the established practice, informal consultations will be used for expressing general observations on the proposals and for adopting them *ad referendum*. All drafting will be done at the informal consultations (without interpretation or other services) and will be conducted by the appointed coordinators.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

7. The Second Committee is reminded that, in accordance with a decision of the General Assembly, chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council are to be considered together with documentation under other agenda items, as well as under item 12. The list of documents contains further information on this procedure (see para. 3 above).

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

8. Bearing in mind the number of meetings available to the Second Committee, it is proposed that the Committee set a target date of Friday, 5 December 2003, for the conclusion of its work.

Annex

Proposed programme of work of the Second Committee

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
Week of 29 September-3 October	
Wednesday, 1 October	
10 a.m.	
Election of the Bureau and organization of work	
Week of 6-10 October	
Monday, 6 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
General debate	
Tuesday, 7 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
General debate (continued)	
Wednesday, 8 October	
10 a.m.	
General debate (concluded)	
3 p.m.	No meeting of the Second Committee
Thursday, 9 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 91 Macroeconomic policy questions	Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-third session (A/58/16, chap. III, sect. C.3)
(b) Science and technology for development	Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Science and Technology on its sixth session (A/58/3, Supplement No. 3)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of new biotechnologies, with particular attention to sustainable development, including food security, health and economic productivity (A/58/76)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the preparations for the World Summit on the Information Society (A/58/74-E/2003/58)

Item to be considered		*Document title and symbol*
(c)	Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the transit environment in the landlocked States in Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours (A/58/209) Report of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation (A/CONF.202/3)
(d)	International financial system and development	Report of the Secretary-General on the international financial system and development (A/58/369)
(e)	External debt crisis and development	Report of the Secretary-General on the external debt crisis and development (A/58/290)
(f)	Outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation	Report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the International Ministerial Conference on Transit Transport Cooperation
Friday, 10 October		
10 a.m.		
Continuation and conclusion of consideration of sub-item 91 (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f)		
3 p.m.		No meeting of the Second Committee
Week of 13-17 October		
Monday, 13 October		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		
Item 92	Sectoral policy questions: preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin	Report of the Secretary-General on the prevention of corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin (A/58/125)
6 p.m.		
Deadline for submission of draft proposals under sub-item 91 (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f)		

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
Tuesday, 14 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 93 Sustainable development and international economic cooperation	
(a) Women in development	Report of the Secretary-General on women in development: the empowerment of women and integration of gender perspectives in the promotion of economic growth, poverty eradication and sustainable development (A/58/135)
(b) Human resources development	Report of the Secretary-General on human resources development (A/58/348)
(c) International migration and development	Report of the Secretary-General on international migration and development (A/58/98)
Item 97 Operational activities for development	
(a) Operational activities for development	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (A/58/168)
1 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 92	
Wednesday, 15 October	
10 a.m.	No meeting of the Second Committee
1 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals under sub-items 93 (a), (b) and (c) and sub-item 97 (a)	
3 p.m.	
Item 93 Sustainable development and international economic cooperation	
(d) Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade	Report of the Secretary-General on progress towards and challenges and constraints to the achievement of the major development goals and objectives adopted by the United Nations during the past decade (A/58/327)

Item to be considered		*Document title and symbol*
Thursday, 16 October		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		
Item 94	Environment and sustainable development	Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-second session (A/58/25, Supplement No. 25)
(a)	Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005	Report of the Secretary-General on concrete action being taken for the promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the effective implementation of, and mobilization of resources for, the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 (A/58/164)
(b)	Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa	Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (A/58/158)
(c)	Convention on Biological Diversity	Report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the ongoing work regarding the Convention (A/58/191)
(e)	International Strategy for Disaster Reduction	Report of the Secretary-General on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (A/58/277)
(f)	Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (A/58/308)
(g)	Sustainable mountain development	Note by the Secretary-General on the achievements of the International Year of Mountains, with a special focus on lessons learned and on policy recommendations for sustainable mountain development (A/58/134)
1 p.m.		
Deadline for submission of draft proposals under sub-item 93 (d)		
Friday, 17 October		
(Observance of World Food Day)		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		
Item 94 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and *(g)* (concluded)		

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
Week of 20-24 October	
Monday, 20 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 95 Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development	Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the United Nations Forum on Forests at its third session (A/58/3, Supplement No. 3) Report of the Secretary-General on activities undertaken in implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (A/58/210)
Item 96 United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development	
Item 94 Environment and sustainable development	
(d) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States	Report of the Secretary-General on Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/58/170)
6 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals under sub-items 94 (a), (b), (c), (e), (f) and (g)	
Tuesday, 21 October	
10 a.m.	No meeting of the Second Committee
3 p.m.	
Item 97 Operational activities for development	
(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries	Report of the High-Level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (A/58/39, Supplement No. 39) Report of the Secretary-General on raising public awareness of and support for South-South cooperation (A/58/345) Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation (A/58/319)

Item to be considered		*Document title and symbol*
Wednesday, 22 October		
10 a.m.		
Item 12	Report of the Economic and Social Council	Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-third session (A/58/16, chap. III, programme 7) and note by the Secretary-General on the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/58/84)
Item 91	Macroeconomic policy questions	Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-third session (A/58/16, chap. III, sect. C.3)
1 p.m.		
Deadline for submissions of draft proposals under sub-item 97 (b)		
3 p.m.		No meeting of the Second Committee
Thursday, 23 October		
10 a.m.		
Item 98	Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) and on a draft programme of action for the effective observance of the International Year of Microcredit, 2005 (A/58/179)
		Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the measures taken for the operationalization of the World Solidarity Fund (A/58/72-E/2003/53)
3 p.m.		No meeting of the Second Committee
Friday, 24 October		
10 a.m.		
Item 98	(concluded)	
3 p.m.		No meeting of the Second Committee
6 p.m.		
Deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 98		

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
Week of 27-31 October	
Monday, 27 October	
10 a.m.	
Item 99 Training and research	
(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/58/183)
(b) United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy	Report of the Director of the United Nations System Staff College on its work, activities and accomplishments (A/58/305)
3 p.m.	No meeting of the Second Committee
6 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 99	
Tuesday, 28 October	No meeting of the Second Committee
	One day of informal hearings with civil society and the business sector accredited to the High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development
Wednesday, 29 October	No meeting of the Second Committee
	First day of two-day High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development — eight interactive round tables (four in the morning and four in the afternoon)
Thursday, 30 October	No meeting of the Second Committee
	Second day of two-day High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development — formal and informal meetings chaired by the President of the General Assembly
Friday, 31 October	No meeting of the Second Committee
12.30 p.m. to 1 p.m.	Launching of the International Year of Rice
Week of 3-7 November	
Monday, 3 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 91 Macroeconomic policy questions	
(a) International trade and development	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its thirtieth executive session (A/58/15 (Part I))

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its twentieth special session (A/58/15 (Part II))
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its thirty-first session (A/58/15 (Part III))
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its thirty-second executive session (A/58/15 (Part IV))
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its fiftieth session (A/58/15 (Part V))
	Report of the Trade and Development Board (A/58/15, Supplement No. 15)
	Report of the Secretary-General on international trade and development and on developments in the multilateral trading system
	Report of the Secretary-General on unilateral economic measures of political and economic coercion against developing countries (A/58/301)
(g) Commodities	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent eminent persons on commodity issues
Tuesday, 4 November	
10 a.m.	
Item 91 (a) and *(g)* (continued)	
3 p.m.	No meeting of the Second Committee
	United Nations pledging conferences for development activities
Wednesday, 5 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 91 (a) and *(g)* (concluded)	
Thursday, 6 November	
10 a.m.	
Item 101 Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly	Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (A/58/8, Supplement No. 8)

Item to be considered		*Document title and symbol*
		Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly (A/58/178)
Item 101 (concluded)		
3 p.m.		
Item 102	Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (A/58/86-E/2003/81)
6 p.m.		
Deadline for submission of draft proposals under sub-items 91 (a) and (g)		
Friday, 7 November		
10 a.m.		
Item 12	Report of the Economic and Social Council	Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-third session (A/58/16, chap. III, programme 7) and note by the Secretary-General on the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/58/84)
		Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3, Supplement No. 3) (chaps. I-V, chap. VII, sects. B-H, and chap. IX)
		Report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of the results achieved in realizing the aims and objectives of the International Year of Ecotourism (A/58/96)
		Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award 2003 (A/58/151)
		Report of the Secretary-General on the role of public administration in the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration (A/58/152)
3 p.m.		
Item 103	Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report prepared by ESCWA on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan (A/58/75-E/2003/21)

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
6 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 101 and 102	
Week of 10-14 November	
Monday, 10 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 100 Globalization and interdependence	Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and interdependence
1 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 12 and 103	
Tuesday, 11 November	
10 a.m.	
Item 104 Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of and follow-up to commitments and agreements made at the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/58/216)
(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development	Summary by the President of the Economic and Social Council of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization (A/58/77-E/2003/62)
(b) High-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development	Summary of the hearings and dialogue of the Economic and Social Council with members of civil society (A/58/77/Add.1-E/2003/62/Add.1)
	Summary of the hearings and dialogue of the Economic and Social Council with business interlocutors (A/58/77/Add.2-E/2003/62/Add.2)
	Report of the Economic and Social Council for 2003 (A/58/3 (Parts I and II))
	Issues paper containing an annotated agenda and programme of work on the High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development
	Note by the Secretary-General on inputs from all stakeholders
	Summary by the President of the General Assembly of the High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development (including summaries of round tables and hearings with civil society and the business sector)

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
	Report of the Secretary-General on the High-Level Dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

3 p.m.

Informal consultations

6 p.m.

Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 100 and 104

Wednesday, 12 November

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Informal consultations

Thursday, 13 November

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Informal consultations

Friday, 14 November

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Informal consultations

Week of 17-21 November

Monday, 17 November

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Informal consultations

Tuesday, 18 November

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Informal consultations

Wednesday, 19 November

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Informal consultations

Thursday, 20 November

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Informal consultations

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
Friday, 21 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Week of 24-28 November	
Monday, 24 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Tuesday, 25 November	No meeting of the Second Committee
	Eid Al-Fitr
Wednesday, 26 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Thursday, 27 November	No meeting of the Second Committee
	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, 28 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Week of 1-5 December	
Monday, 1 December	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Tuesday, 2 December	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Wednesday, 3 December	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
Thursday, 4 December	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Friday, 5 December	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Conclusion of the work of the Second Committee	